



**A = Approved, A1 = Approved First Reading, A2 = Approved Second Reading, D = Deferred,
NA = No Action, PH = Authorized Public Hearing, AD = Approval Denied**

ACTION AGENDA

Hickory City Council
76 North Center Street

December 15, 2015
7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Invocation by Rev. Bill Garrard, Retired United Methodist Pastor
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Special Presentations
 - A. Recognition of Paul Thompson Ernst Young Entrepreneur of the Year 2015 Southeast Program

Mayor Wright read and presented a Proclamation to Mr. Paul Thompson.
- V. Persons Requesting to Be Heard

Mr. Larry Pope addressed City Council regarding Hickory Public Housing Authority and HUD's recent investigation of the Authority.
- VI. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Regular Meeting of December 1, 2015 **(Exhibit VI.A.)**
- VII. Reaffirmation and Ratification of Second Readings. Votes recorded on first reading will be reaffirmed and ratified on second reading unless Council Members change their votes and so indicate on second reading.
 - A2** A. Approval to Award Bid to Asheville Ford Lincoln in the Amount of \$174,809.52 for the Purchase of Five Vehicles. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**
 - A2** B. Approval of a Contract with AMEC Foster Wheeler in the Amount Not to Exceed \$188,000 for Planning Services in Conjunction with the City's Brownfield Area-wide Planning Grant. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**
 - A2** C. Budget Ordinance Amendment Number 12. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**
 - A2** D. Grant Project Ordinance Amendment Number 4. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**
 - A2** E. Consideration of Text Amendment (TA) 15-01. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**
 - A2** F. Amending Chapter 18, Article VI, Sections 18-119 and 18-136 of the Hickory City Code. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**
 - A2** G. Approval of a Vacant Building Revitalization and Demolition Grant for AKSS Real Estate, LLC. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**

- A2** H. Consideration of a Funding Agreement with Habitat for Humanity of the Catawba Valley, Inc. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**

VIII. Consent Agenda: All items below are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests. In which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered under Item IX.

- PH** A. Call for a Public Hearing – For Consideration of Closing a Portion of a 25' Alley Located Between Main Avenue NW and 1st Avenue NW. **(Authorize Public Hearing for January 19, 2016) (Exhibit VIII.A.)**

- PH** B. Call for a Public Hearing – For Consideration of Rezoning Petition 15-02 for Property Located at 3061 Short Road. **(Authorize Public Hearing for January 5, 2016) (Exhibit VIII.B.)**

- A** C. Accept and Enter Into the Minutes Certification of Votes from November 3, 2015 Election from the Catawba County Board of Elections. **(Exhibit VIII.C)**

- A1** D. Acceptance of the Bid and Award of the Contract with Brushy Mountain Builders, Inc. in the Amount of \$319,189 for the Lakeshore No. 1 Lift Station Replacement Project. **(Exhibit VIII.D)**

Lakeshore Lift Station is a sanitary sewer lift station that is located on 1st Street NW near the intersection of NC Highway 127 in close proximity to the Alexander County Bridge. This station is approximately 25 years old and is experiencing problems related to age of the station and exposure to degrading sewer gases. The project consists of complete replacement of the lift station including the wet well, valve vault, pumps, control panel and all customary appurtenances. Simultaneous to replacement and rehabilitation of the lift station, the replacement pumps are being upgraded to allow for some future growth in the system. The current pumps are currently undersized for the service area and should be updated. In June 2015, Council approved Hulsey, McCormick and Wallace of North Carolina, LLC to complete design of this project. Design was completed and the project was advertised for bids. Brushy Mountain Builders, Inc. was the lowest responsible bidder on the project. The project will be funded from the Water and Sewer Capital Reserves due to the non-completion of the project last year and the allocated funds were returned to Reserves. Staff recommends Council's approval of the bid and award of the contract to Brushy Mountain Builders, Inc. in the amount of \$319,189 for construction of the Lakeshore No. 1 Lift Station Replacement Project.

- A** E. Request from Hickory Police Department to Award Police Badge and Service Weapon to Retiring MPO Ted Watson. **(Exhibit VIII.E.)**

By authority of NC General Statute §20-187.2, City Council may award the service weapon and police badge to retiring MPO Ted Watson upon his retirement from Hickory Police Department on December 31, 2015 after completing 45 years of qualifying service with Hickory Police Department. Upon approval from City Council, the police badge and service weapon will be declared surplus and removed from the City's fixed asset inventory.

- A1** F. Approval to Purchase Eight All-wheel Drive 2016 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles from Capital Ford of Raleigh in the Amount of \$213,472. **(Exhibit VIII.F.)**

Hickory Police Department requests approval to purchase eight specialized police package emergency vehicles. After research and reviews of independent comparison studies the 2016 Ford Police Interceptor Utility all-wheel drive best fits the needs of the department based on a number of considerations. Capital Ford of Raleigh currently has the North Carolina State Contract for the 2016 Ford Police Interceptor Utility all-wheel drive with a base price of \$26,047. With added options the price would be \$26,684. Hickory Police Department recommends the purchase of eight all-wheel drive 2016 Ford

Police Interceptor Utility vehicles from Capital Ford of Raleigh on the North Carolina State Contract at a cost of \$26,684 per vehicle with a total cost of \$213,472. Funds are budgeted in the FY2015/2016 CIP.

- A G.** Approval to Apply for the 2015 Assistance to Firefighter's "Modifications to Fire Stations and Facilities" Grant. **(Exhibit VIII.G.)**

The City of Hickory Fire Department requests approval to apply for a FEMA Assistance to Firefighter's Grant for facility improvements. The Fire Department plans to utilize the grant to install diesel exhaust removal systems in six fire facilities. Vehicle diesel exhaust emissions will be eliminated in the workplace after this type of system is installed in all of the City's fire stations. The approval to apply for this grant request would give the City of Hickory Fire Department the ability to address serious health and safety issues which will ultimately benefit the department, coworkers, and the community. The total anticipated cost of this system is \$200,000 and the matching funds required by the City of Hickory, if awarded the grant, would be 10 percent, \$20,000. Staff requests approval to apply for the 2015 Assistance to Firefighters Grant "Modifications to Fire Stations and Facilities" which will provide for direct source diesel exhaust removal systems in six City of Hickory fire facilities.

- A1 H.** Budget Ordinance Amendment Number 13. **(Exhibit VIII.H.)**

- 1. To appropriate funds for the Lakeshore No.1 Lift Station rehabilitation project as per the results of the public bidding process conducted during November 2015. Low responsible bidder was Brushy Mountain Builders, Inc. in the amount of \$319,189.*
- 2. To recognize revenue of an insurance claim payment from Allstate Insurance (\$19,611). The funds will be used to replace a vehicle that was totaled in an accident on 10/28/15.*
- 3. To place funds back into the M&R Buildings line-item at the Water Treatment Facility in the amount of \$60,000. The Facility experienced a structural failure in the roof section of a Clear-well and repairs had to be made to this component that were not originally budgeted. Planned improvements have been delayed until this amendment can be completed to replace the money that had to be used for this unanticipated repair. The previously planned projects are important and need to be completed to continue the planned approach for upgrade and refurbishment.*
- 4. To appropriate funds in the amount of \$46,000 toward the relocation of a Duke Power utility line per the City of Hickory's agreement dated October 21, 2014 ("Parking Lot Construction Agreement") with OHM, LLC for parking lot improvements.*
- 5. North Carolina Department of Commerce Grant Number 2015-099-3201-2538/Project Blue Building Reuse Project. The North Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority awarded the City of Hickory \$259,400 for the stimulation of economic activity and new job creation as to productively reuse certain buildings and properties. The effective period of this grant will be 06/18/2015 and shall terminate on 06/18/2017. Blue Bloodhound, LLC will lease the second floor space (11,000 square feet) located at 74 8th Street. The building was constructed in 1929 and the second floor space has been vacant for three years. Project Blue will utilize cloud based technology and mobile software to connect available drivers to motor carriers across the United States. The proposed project will assist with general renovations and upgrades that include flooring, plumbing, HVAC, electrical, and lighting. Financing sources include the following - Moretz Mills, LLC \$259,400, City of Hickory \$12,970 and NC Department of Commerce \$259,400 for a total project financing of \$531,770. The creation and retention of 21 jobs are committed for the grant. The City of Hickory contribution will be paid to Western Piedmont Council of Governments (WPCOG) for administrative assistance in grant development, management, and reporting. The agreement with WPCOG was signed October 20, 2015 by the Mayor and*

City Manager. The Building Reuse Program grant agreement was signed by the Mayor on October 20, 2015.

6. *To appropriate \$1,370 of General Fund-Fund Balance Appropriated and budget in the General Capital Projects Fund Bond Administrative Costs/Miscellaneous line item. Funds will be used for bond expenses being paid to Eckard Photographic and Hyperformance Graphics.*

IX. Items Removed from Consent Agenda – None

X. Informational Item

XI. New Business:

A. Public Hearings

B. Departmental Reports:

NA 1. Update on Cloninger Mill Park **(Exhibit XI.B.1.)**

A 2. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

BOND IMPLEMENTATION COMMISSION

Ward 2 (Alderman Tarlton Appoints) Gayle Schwarz Resigned
(3 year term expires 2-2-2018)

Ward 5 (Alderman Zagaroli Appoints) Jeff Hale Resigned
(3 year term expires 2-2-2018)

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)

Other Minority VACANT

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HICKORY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms With Unlimited Appointments)

(Appointed by City Council)

Burke County (Mayor to Nominate) VACANT Since 8-6-2008

Brookford (Mayor to Nominate) VACANT Since 6-2006

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

(Appointed by Mayor with the Concurrence of City Council)

(8) Positions VACANT

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)

At-Large Minority VACANT

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)

Ward 2 VACANT

Ward 3 VACANT

At-Large (Mayor Nominates) VACANT

Mayor Wright appointed Laura Costello to Public Art Commission, At-Large Representative

RECYCLING ADVISORY BOARD

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)

Ward 3 VACANT

YOUTH COUNCIL

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 1-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)

Hickory Career Arts Magnet VACANT

**WESTERN PIEDMONT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS POLICY BOARD
DELEGATE**

Nominate Delegate and Alternate

Alderman Meisner is current Delegate
Alderwoman Patton is current Alternate

Mayor Wright nominated Alderwoman Patton as the Delegate, and Alderman Tarlton as the Alternate to the Western Piedmont Council of Governments Policy Board.

C. Presentation of Petitions and Requests

XII. Matters Not on Agenda (requires majority vote of Council to consider)

XIII. General Comments by Members of Council, City Manager or City Attorney of a Non-Business Nature

Mayor Wright commented that the ribbon cutting was held for the Catawba Wastewater Treatment Plant which is owned and operated by the City of Hickory. It will be capable of accommodating 700,000 commercial square feet and 2,000 houses.

City Manager Mick Berry advised 1.5 million gallons.

Mayor Wright wished all the Council members, Mr. Crone, Mr. Berry, and staff, a Merry Christmas. He extended to all of the citizens of Hickory a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah.

XIV. Adjournment

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